



CON B SKITTLES

Match Report Friday 11th February 2011

After our win last week against The Wookurs, we felt that this week could have been a breeze, especially because The Persuaders were not having a very good season so far and were fairly near the bottom of Division 2 having only won four home matches since the start of the current season. Could we keep up the pressure on them because we managed to beat them on our alley 11 points to 3 last time we played against them in a league match? Or would we crash and burn?

Playing first for us was Swifty, Dixie and 'edgehog. Things began fairly well with some reasonable scores being hit. Alas there were no spares to be proud of but plenty of 7's adorned the board which was very nice to see never the less. The breakdown for us on this set was a 2, three 4's, three 5's, three 6's, six 7's, an 8 and a 9 which gave us player totals of 29, 43 and 34 which gave us a set total of 106. The Persuaders seemed to be on a high because they managed to hit two very good spares. A 10 spare on the first hand by C. Ham and a 12 spare on A. Quantocks fourth hand. These helped give them player totals of 45 and 44 but these were not sufficient to give them their teams' highest score of the night, this was to come later in the match. Their complete breakdown for this set was two 3's, a 5, three 6's, seven 7's, an 8, two 9's, the 10 spare and the 12 spare. Their other player total was 37 and their set total was 126 which meant that they had won this set by 20 pins and were two points ahead. We needed to get back a focus and pull back some of the deficit.

The second set consisted of Steve T., L. Thomas and Doug. Things looked very much like they were going to turn a corner when Steve hit a good 14 spare on his third hand but alas it did not bear the fruit we needed because his set total could only amass to 38. The complete breakdown for this set was a V/c, five 4's, a 5, two 6's, four 7's, two 8's, two 9's and the 14 spare. As well as the 38 the other player totals were 30 and 45 which gave us a set total of 113. The score of 45 by Doug turned out to be our highest score of the match, so very well done to him. The Persuaders didn't pile on as much pressure as they had done on the first set, but it was still enough to make it a very close set. Their breakdown was two 4's, a 5, eight 6's, three 7's, two 8's and two 9's which gave them player totals of 35, 39 and 42 giving them a set total of 116. They had won the second set as well, this time by just 3 pins. They were now 23 pins in front and had four valuable points on the board as well.

The third set consisted of Neil, John C., and Kojak. Once more things did not seem to go our way either. We desperately needed to get some really good scores on the board, but this didn't materialise. The breakdown for us on this set was a 3, three 5's, eight 6's, two 7's and four 8's. These gave us player totals of 38, 33 and 41 and a set total of 112. The Persuaders kept on their steady match. Once more they couldn't manage a spare either but their scores were fairly good never the less. Their breakdown for this set was five 5's, three 6's, a 7, seven 8's and two 9's. Their player totals were two 43's and 38 which gave them a set total of 124. They had won this set too. This time by another 12 pins which meant that they were now a massive 35 pins in front and had six points on the board. Things were looking decidedly rocky to say the least.

The final set consisted of Cockney Al, Grandad and Dave. We managed to go up a gear a little on this set with plenty of 7's and 8's being hit. Again there were no spares for us on this set, but never mind. The breakdown for us in this set was two 5's, four 6's, seven 7's, four 8's and a 9.



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This gave us player totals of 40, 41 and 43 and a set total of 124. The Persuaders went for it big time and it showed because they hit three very good spares over the set. Two of which were hit by P. Newton, who hit 15 spare on his first hand and 13 spare on his third hand which gave him their teams' highest score of 57, so very well done to him. The complete breakdown for them on this set was a 3, a 4, a 5, three 6's, a 7, three 8's, two 9's, the 13 spare, the 14 spare and the 15 spare. The other two player totals were two 43's. When added to the 57 this gave them a set total of 143. They had won the final set too, this time by a massive 19 pins. The overall totals were 455 to us and 509 to them. They had won the entire match by 54 pins and had taken all 14 points for the fantastic win.

Next week we will have two matches to play. The first of which will be on Friday 18th February, and will be at home against The Century A team who beat us 12 points to 2. The other will be on Saturday 19th February, at Weston AFC2 against WAFC. Last time we played them it was a very close call because we just won by 8 points to 6. This is the revised fixture held over from just before Christmas, when the area got dumped on by a whole load of snow.

So see you next time.